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WEATHER—FAIR, CONTINUED COLD.

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2 MORE CITIZENS OF U. S. VICTIMS OF VILLA WRATH

Notorious Arrieta Brothers Kill and Rob American Mining Prospectors in Mexico.

VALUABLES ARE TAKEN

U. S. Troops Aid in Capture of Col. Valles, Villa Executioner, and 9 Followers.

DEAD BODY TO BE EXHIBITED

"Refugees Special" from Parral Bearing Sixty Americans Scheduled to Arrive Today.

Special to The Washington Herald.

El Paso, Jan. 17.—Two more Americans have fallen victims of Gen. Villa's wrath against the United States government.

Albert B. Simmons, of Los Angeles, and Victor Hamilton, of Chicago, were executed two miles east of Piedra Blanca early Saturday morning by a band of Villistas led by the notorious Arrieta brothers. Piedra Blanca is a small village sixty miles west of Torreon.

According to telegrams received here by Carranza officials, the two men were robbed of their money, watches, and other valuables. F. N. Mueller wired today from Torreon to A. N. Murphy in El Paso:

"Two Americans, Albert B. Simmons, of Los Angeles, and Victor Hamilton, of Chicago, were killed Saturday morning by the Arrieta brothers, two miles east of Piedra Blanca. I am informed that these two men were mining prospectors and owned several claims near the city of Durango. Bodies will be recovered and brought to Torreon."

United States troops assisted in the capture Saturday of Col. Manuel Baca Valles, one of Villa's chief executioners, and nine followers, according to official advices received here tonight. Thirtieth cavalry troops "took part" in the arrest of the Villistas, according to official Carranza announcements from Columbus. It was not known here whether or not the American soldiers crossed the line.

Col. Baca Valles was executed yesterday at Palomas and his body will be brought to Justice for exhibition as an object lesson to other bandits in northern Mexico.

Lieut. Col. Enrique Cisneros, who was captured at the same time, was also executed. The Carranza consul at Columbus stated that the eight soldiers and two officers are members of the band that massacred the Americans at Santa Isabel last Monday. This official believes that they were trying to escape to the United States when headed off by the American cavalrymen and forced to return to Mexico, where they were made prisoners.

"The 'refugees special' from Parral bearing at least sixty Americans and other foreign men, women and children is due to arrive here tomorrow morning from Chihuahua, where it arrived at noon today, according to the Mexican Railway's advices. The special carried a heavy guard of Carranza troops and eight machine guns from Parral.

Will Not Honor Consul Requests

Negotiations for Americans' Safety in Mexico Must Have Approval of Washington.

The action of American consular officials on the border in entering into negotiations for the safety of Americans will not be recognized by the State Department unless the authorization for such action comes direct from Washington.

This policy of the government was announced by a high official of the State Department yesterday when an issue arose as to whether American Consul Thomas Edwards at Juarez had asked the Carranza authorities to guarantee the safety of the train on which the seventeen Americans, murdered at Santa Isabel, were traveling.

Regardless of any action taken by Edwards with references to the personal safety of the slain Americans, however, State Department officials expressed the conviction that evidence already obtained clearly proved that the United States can hold Carranza responsible for the safety of the American victims. The issue over the assurances requested by Consul Edwards arose from the publication of news dispatches quoting Edwards as saying he had obtained guarantees of protection of the ill-fated train at the request of the State Department. When asked for an explanation, Edwards wired Secretary Lansing that he had made no mention of the train in his request, but had requested and been promised by Carranza authorities protection for the Cusi mining district.

Twelve More Americans Reported Villa Victims

El Paso, Jan. 17.—Efforts are being made tonight by Americans on the border to confirm a report that twelve Americans have been shot to death by Villa troops within forty miles of Madera.

American refugees from Chihuahua tonight brought the report of the massacre. They said news had reached Chihuahua that 200 Villa bandits had attacked the mining town of Dolores, killing all the Americans and some Mexican miners. Among the Americans were said to be three women refugees from Madera.

ORDERS PROBE OF ALL "SUBS"

Daniels Authorizes Inquiry Into Entire Submarine Branch of Navy.

SPECIAL COURT CHOSEN AND MEETS IN BROOKLYN TODAY

Installation of Edison Batteries Stopped—Inventor Will Appear Before House Committee in Near Future.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels last night took the opening step in what may prove to be an investigation of the entire submarine branch of the United States Navy. He named a board of inquiry to investigate the disaster to the submarine E-2 at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, which cost the lives of four men and injured many more last Saturday. The Secretary specifically stated, however, that the board powers would not be limited to the E-2, indicating that it may probe anything in connection with the submarine branch of the service.

The board appointed immediately after the accident occurred is still at work, but the findings of both this and the new court of inquiry are expected to be concluded this week, according to Secretary Daniels. In the meantime, the installation of the Edison battery in the L-8, now under construction at Portsmouth, will not be allowed to proceed. Mr. Edison himself is expected to be in Washington shortly, and, as chairman of the Naval Advisory Board, will testify before the House Naval Affairs Committee as to the necessity for a naval testing laboratory.

The special court will convene at the New York yard this morning, and will consist of Capt. William H. G. Bullard, superintendent of the Naval Radio Service, an expert on electrical batteries, as chairman; Lieut. Commander Herbert G. Sparrow, of the Bureau of Steam Engineering; Clyde S. McDowell, of the New York navy yard, and Lieut. Joseph O. Fisher, commanding fourth division of the Atlantic submarine flotilla, as judge advocate.

Fire Wipes Out Oklahoma Town

Four Men Shot After Liquor Is Found in Business Section.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Wirt, Okla., Jan. 17.—Twelve hundred persons are homeless here tonight, following a fire which today destroyed the business section of the town, including hotels and rooming houses, occupied by oil operators and their families. The property loss is estimated at \$150,000. A gasoline explosion in a small tailor shop before noon started the fire.

Four men were shot, two of them probably fatally, in gun fights which followed the looting of quantities of liquor found in the business section. Deputy United States Marshal Knight of Ardmore, Sheriff James Biffle and other officers from Ardmore and Ringling are assisting the local constable in maintaining order tonight. A large building here has been placed at the disposal of the homeless.

Wirt is a frontier oil camp, and traditions were upheld when Buck Roberts maddened because Jonas Foosehee made him dance by shooting at his boots, retaliated by shooting Foosehee just below the heart. The miner ballet master is expected to die.

Germans Quit Cordage Plant.

Plymouth, Mass., Jan. 17.—Seventy workmen, most of them Germans, quit work at the Plymouth Cordage Company's plant today because, they told Sup't. Robert A. Brown, they had been threatened. The company has been rushing big war contracts, presumably for the allies. The walkout put over 500 men out of work.

Held Up by Negroes on Street.

Alfred Hickman, 417 O street northwest, reported to police yesterday he was held up by two negroes at Seventh and O streets northwest shortly after midnight. One of the negroes pointed a revolver at him while the other rifled his clothes, stealing \$18.

RELIEF IS NEAR FOR BELEAGUERED BRITISH TROOPS

Gen. Aylmer Reported Within Six Miles of the Besieged Army of 10,000 Men.

TURKS ARE REPULSED

Forces Attempting to Cut Off Advance Driven Back, Says Indian Secretary.

TURKS ON TIGRIS WITHDRAW

Attempts to Cross Right Bank of Ark-hava Repulsed—Russians Attack Arasa Positions.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Jan. 17.—Gen. Aylmer, with his relief force, is within six miles of Kut-el-Amara, where 10,000 British troops are besieged.

The Turkish forces which had proceeded southeast of Kut-el-Amara as far as Shell Saad, in an effort to prevent Gen. Aylmer's advance, have been driven back. These announcements were made in the house of commons today by J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary of state for India. Gen. Aylmer's troops are fighting desperately to reach the beleaguered garrison before it is forced to capitulate.

Official Turkish reports are all but silent regarding the movements in Mesopotamia. "There has been intermittent artillery fire near Kut-el-Amara," they officially state. On the headwaters of the Tigris, however, the Russians under Grand Duke Nicholas have begun a great offensive on a 100-mile front, the Turks admit the withdrawal of advance posts.

Facts Are Suppressed.

"The recent operations in Mesopotamia, including the advance to Ctesiphon, were considered and approved by the war council," said Mr. Chamberlain in his report to Parliament. "It would not be to the public interest that I should make a statement on the scope of operations now in progress. Information of that kind in the present circumstances would be far more valuable to the enemy than to the house."

"On the 11th instant I announced to the house that the enemy had fled to Eslian, a position six miles east of Kut-el-Amara. He, however, apparently advanced again on the following day to the Waddi position. Since then we have received telegrams from Gen. Townshend up to the morning of the 15th, and from Gen. Aylmer up to the 16th. From these it appears that Gen. Kemball, on the right bank, was holding the Turkish position in front of him. Gen. Aylmer was pressing back two divisions on the left bank as about the Waddi position. There was continuous fighting on the 15th, and the following day Gen. Aylmer reported the enemy as again retreating and that he himself was moving his headquarters and his water transports to the mouth of the Waddi. On the 15th Gen. Aylmer reported that the whole of the Waddi position had been captured and the enemy rear guard had taken up a position at Eslian.

Weather Hampers Operations.

"Gen. Aylmer reported that the operations were seriously hampered by the weather, which was very bad. All the wounded had been sent down the river."

Regarding operations in the Caucasus, tonight's official report from Petrograd said:

"The Turks made two attempts to cross the right bank of the Arkhava River. Both were repulsed. In the fighting of the 15th we took 167 prisoners and captured a Turkish artillery depot northwest of Khorrassan containing a million rifle cartridges and a thousand shells."

The Constantinople official report, in which a check is admitted, follows: "The Russians have repeated their attacks against Turkish positions on both banks of the Arasa River, suffering heavy losses, especially in the district between Arasa and the Enid Valley. Here the Turkish advance posts retired some kilometers."

MAY MAKE CANADA DRY.

Bill Prohibiting Sale of Liquor Expected in Parliament.

Ottawa, Ontario, Jan. 17.—The question of liquor prohibition in Canada during the progress of the war is going to be fought out in parliament. This became definitely known when in the house this afternoon Hon. Charles Murphy, former secretary of state, addressed the following inquiry to the government:

"Is it the intention of the government to introduce during the present session of parliament a bill restricting or prohibiting manufacture or sale of liquor during the war?"

The answer is evasive and a resolution will be moved on the subject in the house shortly.

Freddie Welch Wins.

Philadelphia, Jan. 17.—Freddie Welch defeated Eddie McAndrews tonight in one of the fastest bouts ever staged in Philadelphia. McAndrews, who beat Wolpert and Ritchie, put up a game battle, but Welch outboxed and outboxed him.

Four More Bodies In Fight Against School Change Plan

Thirty Civic Associations Against Ousting Board of Education—One Would Center All Powers Over System of Public Instruction in that Organization.

Four organizations went on record against the plan to place authority over the schools in the Commissioners' commission that the proposed plan is being followed by the principal cities of the country.

The East Washington Citizens' Association, The Georgetown Citizens' Association, The Parent-Teacher Association of the Blair and Hayes schools, The Parent-Teacher Association of the Brookland School.

With the hearings on the question beginning before the subcommittee on schools of the House District Committee tomorrow, there are now approximately thirty civic bodies on record against the plan. A majority of these will present written or oral arguments at the hearings, and it is expected that one or two organizations will provide Congress with a mass of statistics in an effort to prove the fallacy of the Commissioners' contention that the proposed plan is being followed by the principal cities of the country.

Claims Martin Promised to Marry Her But Wed Another

Cora Maude Clark Tells Court He Wooed Her Eight Years and Then Married Maud Eddy—Letters Breathing Devotion Are Read to Jury.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Jan. 17.—"Mr. Martin declared that he would marry me up until the Friday before he married this other girl."

"On the witness stand today Cora Maude Clark told the story of her eight-year courtship by John Leon Martin, wealthy broker and clubman, in her action for \$50,000 damages for alleged breach of promise. She said:

"We met in 1904 and he proposed marriage the same night he met me. He kept putting off the marriage while his father was alive, because he did not have enough money."

"After his father died, he postponed the wedding, because he was afraid his mother might disapprove. Until March 22, 1912, four days before he married Maud Cranfield Eddy, he led me to believe I was to be his wife. Then I was stunned to hear through mutual friends that he had married another girl."

This is a brief summary of the comely plaintiff's story. She related it in detail after the jurors had heard read the many letters in which Young Martin pledged undying love to her. Millions of kisses to "Pete"—his pet name for her—rainbow promises for his "little girl," and eternal devotion for his "Baby Love" were features of his letters.

Throughout the trial young Martin sat at the counsel table, his face turned away from the witness-stand, one hand stroking his brow. The only time he faced the girl who says he jilted her was when he whispered a curt suggestion to his counsel. He smiled a bit when his letters referred to "Jim" and "Tom," a Maud Cranfield Eddy, he led me to believe I was to be his wife.

"Why Was Dr. Mohr Slain?" May Be Answered by the State Today

Jersey Murder Testimony Brings Out that Physician Guaranteed to Dealer Purchase Price for Motorcycle for Stable Boy, Who Appeared Later with Money.

By SOPHIE TREADWELL.

Providence, Jan. 17.—Why was Dr. Franklin C. Mohr murdered? That is the question the State plans to begin answering tomorrow when the trial of Mrs. Mohr, accused of hiring two negroes to kill her husband, is resumed. Tomorrow Mrs. Mohr will really enter the case.

Today the State carefully avoided any reference to anything that seemed to even hint of Mrs. Mohr. There was something almost ominous in the painstaking way they eliminated her.

Said Woman Telephoned.

One witness, in particular, was called who has always been regarded as furnishing a strong connecting link between Mrs. Mohr, the negro and the murderer. That was Samuel V. Bryant, the man who sold the "escape" motorcycle to Brown. The negroes have said that Mrs. Mohr had given them money to buy this machine.

Bryant said at the time of the first investigation that a woman of refined voice telephoned him regarding the purchase. The State is sticking close to its announced plan of seeking to prove, first, that Dr. Mohr was murdered by the negro stable boys, and second, that Mrs. Mohr hired them to do it. The first part of that program was virtually finished today.

The entire recital revolved around the motorcycle. How they tinkered with it from 10 in the morning until 7 at night. At about 7:30 p. m. they left a garage in Providence. Dr. Mohr was murdered twelve miles away, one hour and a half later. Within ten minutes after the shots were heard two colored boys on a motorcycle were seen just around the bend in the road, riding away.

Called on Dr. Mohr.

Mr. Bryant, who sold the motorcycle to Brown May 23, testified today that Dr. Mohr himself bought this machine for Brown, at that time his stable boy. Bryant said when the boy first looked at the motorcycle he said he would like to buy it but did not have any money, but suggested that Dr. Mohr be asked to guarantee the purchase in installments from his wages.

Bryant called on the doctor, who told him that although he wouldn't pay for the motorcycle himself, he would see that Bryant "got his money."

This did not satisfy Bryant. A few weeks later, on May 27, Brown appeared with \$100 in cash. The motorcycle was delivered to him.

CLIMAX OF COLD WAVE IS DUE HERE TODAY

Southwestern Winds to Bring Warmer Weather Before Another Day, Says Bureau.

"Eleven above zero and still going down."

This was the cold reply of the forecaster at the Weather Bureau at an early hour this morning. At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the mercury, then at 18 above, began to tumble. At 6 o'clock it was at 15. Two hours later it had dropped to 14, and at midnight it was hovering between 10 and 11. But the worst is yet to come, for the Weather Bureau reported last night that the cold wave is scheduled to reach here tomorrow, bringing with them warm weather.

Miss Farden Robbed on Street.

Miss Annie Farden, 1301 N street northwest, was robbed on the street last night when a negro snatched her handbag. She was walking near Fourteenth and I streets northwest when the purse was stolen. It contained \$20.

Montenegrin Surrender Confirmed by Embassy

The Austro-Hungarian Embassy last night gave out a dispatch received from the foreign office at Vienna, which tells of the surrender of Montenegro. The dispatch reads:

"During the sitting of the Budapest parliament the minister-president, Count Tisza, declared that the king and government of Montenegro had requested an introduction of negotiations for peace. The utmost we asked was the absolute surrender of arms. At this moment we have received a communication that Montenegro accepted absolute surrender of arms. Consequently, after the realization of capitulation, negotiations for peace can begin."

BRITISH LAND NEAR ATHENS

Believed Allies Plan to Force Hand of Greece by Drastic Acts.

STATE ARCHIVES ARE MOVED; MARTIAL LAW EXPECTED SOON

Rumored that Entente Will Try to Overthrow Government and Substitute Republic.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Jan. 17.—Greece will declare martial law this week, according to Athens dispatches received here tonight, quoting the Greek newspaper Kairis.

The action is being taken by the government in agreement with the King. Parliament, which convenes on Monday is expected to ratify it.

Berlin, Jan. 17.—British troops have been landed on the shores of the Bay of Phaleron, five miles southwest of Athens. The Greek government has transferred part of its archives to Larissa, in Central Greece.

The startling news is contained in dispatches to Berlin newspapers and from private advices from the Greek capital, according to a statement issued by the semi-official Trans-Ocean News Bureau tonight. It is believed that the entente powers have decided upon extreme measures to force the hand of Greece.

British Blockade Coast.

"Private advices state that the Greek government has sent part of the state archives to Larissa, and the government will eventually be transferred there."

"The fact that the British are blockading the Greek coast most tightly and are subjecting Greece to other inconveniences is interpreted by German newspapers as meaning that the entente is fomenting the overthrow of the Greek government in order to substitute a republic with Venizelos at the head. All the papers express confidence and gratitude that the entire army and the greater part of the Greek population side with the king and will frustrate all attempts against the nation's sovereignty and the monarch's life."

INVESTIGATE RABBIT STEW.

Pet Cats and Dogs May Have Gone Into Pot.

Bridgewater, Conn., Jan. 17.—Six cat skins, found in the rear of a restaurant here, following reports to the police that pet cats and dogs have been missing, have started a rigid investigation by the police and health department.

The restaurant is patronized by Remington Arms Company employees and by policemen. Its rabbit stew has been a favorite dish with the police. The proprietor could not account for the presence of the cat skins.

Kills Woman; Commits Suicide.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 17.—Miss Melissa Budlong, 22, daughter of James A. Budlong, one of the best known market gardeners in the East, was shot and killed today by Cromwell Whittier, son of a prominent diamond dealer, who then committed suicide. The shooting took place in the beautiful Biddling home at Cranston, and is believed to have been caused by the young woman's refusal to accept Whittier's attentions.

Raise for 2,500 Workers.

Pawtucket, R. I., Jan. 17.—The Dunell branch of the United States Fur and Leather Company announced a 5 per cent increase today for its 2,500 employees here and in Sterling, Conn., and Norwich, Conn. The Pawtucket branch employs 600. The raise begins January 24.

Allied Aerobes Bombard Bulgarians.

Athens, Jan. 17.—Fifteen allied aeroplanes, setting out from Saloniki, have bombed the Bulgarian camp on the Serbo-Greek frontier. The aviators report that a number of Bulgarian soldiers were killed and wounded.

Spanish Steamer Sunk.

London, Jan. 17.—The Spanish steamship Belgica has been sunk at sea, according to a Lloyds dispatch received today. Twenty-three members of the crew were picked up.

MONTENEGRO GIVES UP ARMS, SURRENDERING TO VICTORIOUS AUSTRIANS

Little Mountain Kingdom is First of European Belligerents to Sue for Peace—Yields Unconditionally.

TO CONSIDER TERMS AT ONCE

Hungarian Premier Announces Acceptance of Montenegrins' Request for Cessation of Hostilities—Mount Lovcen Probably Will Go to Austria—Vanquished May Get Scutari.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Berlin, Jan. 17.—Montenegro has unconditionally surrendered to Austria. She will lay down her arms. She is the first of the European belligerents to sue for peace in the eighteen months of fighting.

Terms will be discussed at once. It is believed they will include the cession of Mount Lovcen to Austria and the northern Albanian town of Scutari to Montenegro.

Announcement of the submission of the little Mountain Kingdom was made today at general headquarters of the Austro-Hungarian army and by Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, before the Hungarian parliament. The official announcement says:

"The King and government of Montenegro on January 13 asked for a cessation of hostilities and the opening of peace negotiations. The Austro-Hungarian government answered that this would not be possible unless the Montenegrin army should unconditionally lay down its arms. The Montenegrin army yesterday accepted these terms."

Count Tisza addressing the Hungarian parliament said:

"Montenegro has asked for peace. We asked that beforehand Montenegro unconditionally lay down her arms. Just now news has arrived that the unconditional laying down of arms has been accepted. Peace negotiations will be entered into immediately."

Great Peace with Cheers.

The premier's announcement came just after proceedings under the first paragraph of the order of the day had been completed. He asked permission to interrupt the discussion.

His announcement caused a tremendous sensation. A deep silence followed his words, and then parliament broke into commotion. Shouts of joy made the ancient chamber ring.

The news quickly spread to the streets and the entire city joined in the first peace celebration.

The sudden announcement of Montenegro's capitulation came on the heels of dispatches quoting her king and cabinet ministers to the effect that the nation would never surrender. It was declared they would fight to the last man; that Montenegro never had been conquered and never would be.

Entered War Early.

Montenegro was one of the first nations to enter the war. She recalled her ambassador at Vienna on August 8, 1914, only a few days after the final break between Austria and Serbia. Her wild mountain people thronged to arms at the king's call. Among the most warlike of European peoples, their mountain fastnesses had never been trodden by the foot of an enemy. The Montenegrins had fired the first gun of the first Balkan war. King Nicholas, in fact, had practically started that conflict, being the first to declare hostilities against Turkey. Her army fought valiantly throughout both Balkan wars.

Montenegro was the smallest of the allied countries. Her area was less than 2,000 square miles.

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